IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE DIVISION

THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL
CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA, INC.
2300 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS, 666 North St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Plaintiffs,

JOSEPH'R. BIDEN, JR., in his official capacity as President of the United States, FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATORY COUNCIL; GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION; JEFFREY E. KOSES, in his official capacity as Administrator of General Services Administration: OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY: CHRISTINE J. HARADA, in her official capacity as FAR Council Chair and Senior Advisor to the Deputy Director for Management, Office of Federal Procurement Policy: **DEPARTMENT OF** DEFENSE; JOHN M. TENAGLIA, in his official capacity as Principal Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting, Office of Secretary of Defense; NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION; KARLA S. JACKSON, in her official capacity as Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Defendants,

Civil Action No. 6:24-ev-37

DECLARATION OF RONALD S. BARRON

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, I, RONALD S. BARRON, declare that:

- 1. This Declaration is based on my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am competent to make this Declaration and I am over 18 years of age.
- I am personally familiar with the facts stated herein and that they are truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- 4. I am the President of Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. (the "Company") in Farmerville, Louisiana, within the Western District of Louisiana, United States

 District Court.
- Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. has experience in performing federal work funded 100% by federal dollars and requiring compliance with the FAR.
- 6. Part of the business plan of Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. is to continue bidding and performing federal construction projects.
- 7. I am generally familiar with President Joseph R. Biden's Executive Order 14063 which requires the use of Project Labor Agreements on certain federal construction projects ("PLA Mandate").
- 8. Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. is not now and never has been a union contractor.

 Instead, the Company prefers to remain open shop and not having to deal with labor unions. If the PLA mandate is upheld, Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. will not pursue or bid such covered federal contracting work.
- I am aware that certain federal projects are already being discussed for possible bidding, indicating they will be let in accordance with the PLA mandate. Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. has no intention of bidding any new federal work that would require our company to sign a Project Labor Agreement. We prefer, and our

- It goes without saying that if our company does not pursue federal work that is subject to a Project Labor Agreement, the result will be a potential loss of business which would adversely impact our Company.
- In Louisiana, where we historically bid and perform federal work, there are very few active labor unions and even fewer subcontractors who are used to dealing with labor unions.
- Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. supports the effort of the Louisiana Associated General Contractors and Associated General Contractors America in attempting to enjoin the implementation of President Joseph R. Biden's Executive Order mandating Project Labor Agreements on federal projects.
- 3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and executed this 24 day of February, 2024.

Ronald S. Barron